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CDRS. AND NEW PROPOSED LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

SUPPORT IA'S

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1. AT I.A. NEGOTIATIONS MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 1974, U.S. CHAIRMAN GARDNER TABLED AS CONCEPTUAL PROPOSAL FOR TURKISH CONSIDERATION PACKAGE DISCUSSED REFTELS. U.S. WOULD ACCEPT TURKISH PROPOSAL TO REPLACE GARRISON COMMANDERS IA WITH SECURITY ARRANGEMENT CLAUSES IN IA'S COVERING INSTALLATIONS, IF TURKS WOULD ACCEPT NEW LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IA TO COVER ALL LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY AND REPLACE EXISTING DRAFTS COVERING ANKARA, ISTANBUL, AND IZMIR.

2. AFTER BREAK IN WHICH HE CONFERRED AT LENGTH WITH HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES, TURKISH CHAIRMAN ASULA WELCOMED U.S. PROPOSAL TO DROP GARRISON COMMANDERS IA BUT EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT
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A NEW LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT IA. HE ASSURED U.S. THAT TURKS

FULLY ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE OF DCA APPLICABILITY TO BALGAT AND ALL OTHER U.S. MILITARY LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY BUT OPINED THAT DCA ALREADY CLEAR ENOUGH ON THAT POINT WITHOUT A SEPARATE IA. HE ALSO CITED PROTECTION GIVEN SUCH ACTIVITIES BY TAX RELIEF AGREEMENT AS ELIMINATING NEED FOR SEPARATE IA. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE U.S. MOTIVES. DID U.S. INTEND TO ASK GOT TO PROVIDE LAND COST-FREE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES TO REPLACE EXISTING LEADED FACILITIES? WOULD U.S. DEMAND TURKISH SECURITY GUARDS FOR DOWNTOWN LEASED FACILITIES?

3. U.S. CHAIRMAN REMINDED TURKS THAT U.S. PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PRESENTED AS A PACKAGE AND THAT WE COULD NOT GO FORWARD WITH REPLACEMENT OF GARRISON COMMANDERS IA IF TURKS WOULD NOT ACCEPT DRAFT ON LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT IA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT PROPOSAL WAS CONCEPTUAL AT THIS STAGE, THAT WORK ON A DRAFT HAD NOT BEGUN YET AND THAT TURKISH SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE WELCOME. HE ASSURED TURKS THAT U.S. HAD NO HIDDEN MOTIVE WHATSOEVER IN PROPOSAL AND WOULD NOT BE ASKING FOR COST-FREE LAND, SECURITY GUARDS, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES IN ARRANGEMENTS SURROUNDING LEASED FACILITIES IN METROPOLITAN AREAS. CALLING ATTENTION TO DCA PROVISIONS (ARTICLE II) THAT U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY WOULD BE COVERED BY IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS, HE EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING WHY TURKS WERE UNWILLING TO ADHERE TO THE DCA AND TO EMBODY THE ASSURANCES GIVEN ORALLY IN AN IA.

4. TURKISH CHAIRMAN REQUESTED TIME TO CONSIDER U.S. PROPOSAL AND STATED THAT IN RESPONDING HE WOULD USE BALGAT AS AN EXAMPLE TO MAKE THE TURKISH POSITION CLEAR AND AS A GUIDE TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT OF LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES. U.S. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT WE HAD REVIEWED BALGAT QUESTION THOROUGHLY AND WERE FAMILIAR WITH TURKISH CONCERNS AND ARGUMENTS REGARDING BALGAT. TURKISH CHAIRMAN PROMISED THAT HIS REMARKS ON BALGAT WOULD AVOID OLD HISTORY AND WOULD BE "INTERESTING".

5. AFTER MEETING ADJOURNED, TURKISH CHAIRMAN ASKED GARDNER WHETHER TURKISH GO-AHEAD ON CONCEPT WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS TURKISH COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT SOME FORM OF LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IA AND WHETHER U.S. POSITION IS INDEED SECRET

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OPEN AS TO EVENTUAL CONTENT OF THIS IA. WHEN REASSURED ON THESE POINTS, HE REMARKED THAT CONCEPT HAS "INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES".

6. COMMENT: WE WILL INITIATE WORK ON DRAFT LOGISTICS AND SUPPORT IA BUT WILL NOT SUBMIT ANYTHING TO TURKS UNTIL WE HAVE HEARD TURKISH CHAIRMAN'S PROMISED PRESENTATION ON BALGAT WHICH MIGHT GIVE US SOME INDICATION OF HOW FAR TURKS MIGHT BE WILLING

TO GO TO MEET OUR CONCERNS REGARDING IA COVERAGE OF LOGISTICS
AND SUPPORT FACILITIES. WE DO NOT EXPECT TURKS WILL GIVE US
CLEAR SIGNAL ON THIS MATTER, HOWEVER, UNTIL STATUS OF U.S. MAP IS
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